

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY AUGUST 12, 2004 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Northern California Area and light elsewhere. Nationally, 176 new fires were reported. Eight new large fires were reported, two each in the Northern California and Eastern Great Basin Areas, and one each in the Northwest, Southern California, Southwest and Western Great Basin Areas. Two large fires were contained in the Northern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

MUD LAKE, Southeast, Washington Department of Natural Resources. A Washington State Interagency Incident Management Team (Berndt/Andring) is assigned. This fire is seven miles northwest of Naches, WA in grass, brush and timber. The fire was very active with running and torching observed.

FISCHER, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington State Interagency Incident Management Team (Reed/Holloway) is assigned. This fire is four miles southeast of Leavenworth, WA in grass, brush and timber. Significant fire growth resulted from a wind event that pushed the fire into the Williams Creek Road area, with some spotting across Williams Creek Canyon.

POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington State Interagency Incident Management Team (Furlong/Gromley) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Pot Peak, SiSi Ridge and Deep Harbor fires is 15 miles northwest of Chelan, WA in timber. An increase in fire behavior was observed.

MEBEE PASS, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington State Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings/Perry) is assigned; the Team is also managing the Freezeout fire. Active fire behavior with moderate spotting was reported.

FREEZEOUT, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington State Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings/Perry) is assigned. This fire is 65 miles northeast of Bellingham, WA in timber. A joint U.S. Forest Service/British Columbia Forest Service helibase has been established in Manning Park, Canada to support air operations. The fire was active due to increased winds.

RATTLESNAKE PEAK, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A transfer of command from a Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) to a Fire Use Management Team (Weldon) will occur today. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located 40 miles west of Yakima, WA in timber, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Surface fuel burning and isolated torching were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MUD LAKE	WA	SES	2,600	0	UNK	258	13	20	6	0	NR
FISCHER	WA	OWF	800	0	N/A	525	12	40	7	0	1.2M
POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	46,970	85	UNK	428	9	10	6	3	20.3M
MEBEE PASS	WA	OWF	100	0	UNK	NR	0	0	0	0	NR
FREEZEOUT	WA	OWF	596	17	UNK	97	0	0	4	0	1.5M
RATTLESNAKE PEAK – WFU	WA	OWF	576	N/A	N/A	92	0	0	3	0	N/R

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CENTRAL COMPLEX, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A transfer of command from a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcom) to a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) will occur today. This complex, comprised of the Crazy, Bolgen Creek and Wolf Creek fires, is surrounding Central, AK in spruce and hardwoods. Fire activity was moderate due to an inversion over the incident.

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Billy Creek, Gardiner Creek, Chicken and Porcupine fires, is 35 miles northwest of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Major runs were reported on the southwest corner of the Porcupine fire due to thunder storm activity. Torching, running and spotting were observed on the other fires.

BOUNDARY, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and tundra. Fire activity was low due to cooler temperatures and an inversion.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CENTRAL COMPLEX	AK	UYD	260,000	NR	UNK	296	7	18	4	15	3.0M
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	986,379	15	UNK	206	8	5	4	6	7.5M
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	508,922	35	UNK	75	2	3	1	30	NR

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BEAR, Shasta-Trinity Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). This fire is 10 miles northeast of Redding, CA in grass and brush. Fire activity was extreme with running and spotting reported. Forty residences were lost and an additional 300 were threatened. A mandatory evacuation of residences and local road closures are in effect.

OREGON, Butte Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). This fire is seven miles northeast of Oroville, CA in oak woodland. Fire activity was high with running and spotting reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BEAR	CA	SHU	600	0	NR	126	1	20	3	6	NR
OREGON	CA	BTU	750	0	NR	290	4	59	3	1	NR
CREEK	CA	MEU	328	100	---	105	12	8	1	0	872K
STEVENS	CA	NEU	950	100	---	858	33	51	3	4	3.2M

MEU = Mendocino Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NEU = Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MIDDLE RIDGE, Cedar City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is located 34 miles northwest of St. George, UT in pinyon pine and juniper. Erratic fire behavior and spotting were observed.

SALT CREEK, Richfield Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is nine miles south of Levan, UT in pinyon pine, sagebrush and grass. Fire behavior decreased significantly. Creeping fire behavior with isolated torching and short range spotting was observed.

PORTER, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) has been ordered. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located 25 miles northwest of Stanley, ID in timber, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Fire behavior was moderate with crowning and spotting reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MIDDLE RIDGE	UT	CCD	2,000	N/R	N/R	61	2	5	0	0	N/R
SALT CREEK	UT	RID	1,483	20	8/14	260	8	9	4	0	429K
PORTER - WFU	ID	SCF	200	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	N/R

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

EARLY, Stanislaus National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rios) is assigned. This fire is located 15 miles northeast of Groveland, CA in brush and timber. Fire behavior was moderate with torching observed.

HUNT, Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). This fire is located 5 miles northeast of Copperopolis, CA in brush, grass and oak woodland. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
EARLY	CA	STF	1,670	80	8/15	1,181	32	46	8	0	1.0M
HUNT	CA	TCU	600	50	8/12	290	21	59	7	0	N/R

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SECTION 33, Voyageurs National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Bird) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located 25 miles southeast of International Falls, MN in balsam, spruce and pine, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Fire behavior was minimal due to rain.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SECTION 33 - WFU	MN	VOP	1,435	N/A	N/A	28	0	0	1	0	377K

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

PITCHFORK, Gila National Forest. This fire is 21 miles southeast of Reserve, NM in timber, logging slash and grass. No new information was reported.

CAMP 36, Kaibab National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located nine miles southwest of Desert View, AZ in ponderosa pine and oak, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Fire activity was moderate with isolated torching observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PITCHFORK	NM	GNF	406	NR	UNK	6	0	0	0	0	7K
CAMP 36 - WFU	AZ	KNF	240	N/A	N/A	4	0	1	0	0	5K

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

RIGGS, Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 26 miles southeast of Alamo, NV in brush. Fire activity was low.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RIGGS	NV	ELD	1,018	65	8/12	74	2	3	2	0	NR

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A strong ridge of high pressure will continue to bring hot and dry weather conditions to most of the West. Increased moisture is also expected to move along the western edge of the ridge, sparking thunderstorms along the Sierra Mountains and southern portions of the Great Basin. Warm conditions are expected again for the central and eastern interior of Alaska, with a few thunderstorms. In the Gulf of Mexico, tropical storm Bonnie will bring heavy rain and high wind to the Florida Panhandle while hurricane Charley bears down on Cuba. Charley is expected to move over the Florida Keys and onto the Florida coast south of Tampa on Friday.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHWEST AREA Sunny.	Continued hot inland. West of the Cascades: Mid 80s north to 103 south; upper 60s to mid 70s coast. Eastside: Generally upper 80s to 102.	Continued dry. West of Cascades: Generally 15 to 30% except up to 55% coastal strip. East of Cascades: 7 to 17% most areas.	Northwest to north 10 to 20 mph along the coastal strip. Mainly northwest to northeast 5 to 10 mph inland, but erratic in the vicinity of the surface thermal trough.
ALASKA AREA Eastern Interior: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms	Eastern Interior 70s.	Eastern Interior 34 to 44%.	Eastern Interior Northwest to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Sunny, except coastal fog and low clouds. 10% chance of afternoon thunderstorms around Tahoe.	90s to 108 warmest inland areas.	5 to 15% eastern areas, and 10 to 20% elsewhere (except the foggy coast).	Mostly south to southwest 3 to 8 mph, afternoon gusts 14 to 20 mph.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny. Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly cloudy. Isolated dry thunderstorms southern, central Utah mountains late.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 76 to 88 mountains except 62 to 75 western Wyoming mountains; 88 to 101 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 78 to 94 mountains, 92 to 110 lower elevations except 112 to 117 Lake Mead area.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 12 to 30% mountains, 4 to 15% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 10 to 18% mountains, 4 to 12% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Northwest 5 to 10 mph except upslope/upvalley Idaho mountains. Utah, Arizona Strip: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph. Gusty near thunderstorms.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas. Otherwise, partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms over the Sierra and over the mountains and deserts of Southern California in the afternoon.	70 to 80 coast. 80 to 95 mountains. 90 to 100 valleys. 90 to 100 upper deserts. 100 to 110 lower deserts.	20 to 35% valleys. 15 to 30% mountains. 15 to 30% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Mostly sunny. Very slight chance for a dry lightning strike across central Nevada. Partly cloudy in the Sierra's with isolated wetter thunderstorms.	North Valleys: 92 to 104 South Valleys: 98 to 110 Mountains: 76 to 92.	Valleys: 5 to 15% Mountains: 15 to 25%.	West: South to southeast at 5 to 15 mph. East: Northwest to west at 5 to 15 mph local gusts to 25 mph.
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA North Dakota: Partly Cloudy. Elsewhere: Mostly Sunny.	Idaho: 92 to 102. West of Divide: 88 to 98. East of Divide: 75 to 85. North Dakota: 65 to 75. Mountains: Mid 60s.	Idaho: 12 to 20%. West of divide: 14 to 24%. East of Divide: 18 to 28%. North Dakota: 40 to 50%.	Idaho: Valley 5 to 10 mph West of Divide: Valley 5 to 10 mph. East of divide: NE 5 to 15 mph. North Dakota: N 10 to 15 mph.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Isolated thunderstorms over Front Range of Colorado and eastern plains.	Highs in the upper 70s to 80s and 70s in the mountains.	Less than 20% across western Colorado and southwestern Wyoming.	Variable 10 to 20 mph.



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HAZARD MITIGATION THROUGH RISK MANAGEMENT

“Risk management doesn’t get in the way of doing the mission – it is the way we do the mission.” The Risk Management Process assists in ensuring that critical factors and risks of the fireline work environment are considered during decision making. Good risk management utilizes a five-step process:

● Step 1—Situational Awareness:

- Obtain information.
- Scout the fire.
- Identify hazards—those likely to result in a negative impact.
- Consider all aspects of current and future situations.
- Consider known historical problem areas (Apply information from the Fire Danger Pocket Card.).
- Recognize the need for action.
- Demonstrate ongoing awareness of fire assignment status.
- Note deviations.
- Attempt to determine why discrepancies exist with information before proceeding.

● Step 2—Hazard Assessment:

- Assess hazards to determine risks (e.g., fire behavior, snags, unburned fuels, work/rest).
- Use the Look Up, Down, and Around; and the Tactical Watch Outs (both located in the Incident Response Pocket Guide) to identify high-risk tactical hazards.
- Assess the impact of each hazard in terms of potential loss, cost, and mission/operational degradation based on probability and severity (probability—how likely an event will occur; severity—consequences if the event occurs). Keep in mind that increased exposure time increases probability.

● Step 3—Hazard Control:

- Determine the best approach to mitigate or control the risk from the hazards assessed.
- Establish controls (e.g., anchor point, LCES, utilize downhill checklist, limit exposure time).
- As control measures are developed, reevaluate each risk until it is reduced to a level where benefits outweigh potential costs.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			0		2		2
	ACRES			2,702		117,780		120,482
Northwest	FIRES	1	7			8	8	24
	ACRES	62	1			7	6	76
Northern California	FIRES					13	2	15
	ACRES					8	0	8
Southern California	FIRES					15	14	29
	ACRES					11	51	62
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8				3	4	15
	ACRES	2				0	0	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	4			2	4	11
	ACRES	1	2,070			1	2	2,074
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		1,054					1,054
Southwest	FIRES	5	7			2	15	29
	ACRES	13	6			1	33	53
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1					5	6
	ACRES	0					1	1
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	1		1		38	1	41
	ACRES	4		120		69	1	194
TOTAL	FIRES	17	22	1	0	83	53	176
	ACRES	82	3,131	2,822	0	117,877	94	124,006

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	5	57	67	18	389	9	545
	ACRES	6,065	1,097,861	1,094,726	29,337	2,409,981	1	4,637,971
Northwest	FIRES	285	210	27	31	1,311	821	2,685
	ACRES	21,706	2,479	447	70	9,077	49,776	83,555
Northern California	FIRES	89	32	9	24	1,879	754	2,787
	ACRES	120	421	2	2	14,751	5,837	21,133
Southern California	FIRES	35	72	19	39	2,225	502	2,892
	ACRES	667	5,490	1,866	29	60,525	6,202	74,779
Northern Rockies	FIRES	886	69	19	13	653	566	2,206
	ACRES	5,139	1,449	1,062	3	15,047	4,681	27,381
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	36	693	6	34	355	511	1,635
	ACRES	97	32,728	11	34	6,366	45,023	84,259
Western Great Basin	FIRES	12	431	5	12	61	88	609
	ACRES	153	16,921	2,660	0	6,043	6,653	32,430
Southwest	FIRES	592	127	4	66	625	1,346	2,760
	ACRES	5,040	4,867	201	513	6,888	280,318	297,827
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	304	403	33	37	373	345	1,495
	ACRES	4,018	4,619	1,272	31	20,905	4,377	35,222
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		47	29	7,230	440	8,235
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	109	56,709	5,608	69,855
Southern Area	FIRES	130		58	42	24,519	566	25,315
	ACRES	15,806		7,694	1,067	313,744	73,193	411,504
TOTAL	FIRES	2,863	2,094	294	345	39,620	5,948	51,164
	ACRES	63,905	1,166,835	1,112,276	31,195	2,920,036	481,669	5,775,916

Ten Year Average Fires	56,971
Ten Year Average Acres	2,896,565

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		500					500
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		1,163					1,163
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	1,663	0	0	0	0	1,663

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					12,097		12,097
Northwest	FIRES	38	78	43	1		255	415
	ACRES	7,626	6,823	3,781	30		58,229	76,489
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	96	18		183	350
	ACRES	251	731	14,138	2,690		22,617	40,427
Southern California	FIRES		4	20	10		76	110
	ACRES		27	1,686	718		6,213	8,644
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	8	74	3	45	367	534
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,535	63,665
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	3	3	17	46	93
	ACRES	149	7,852	547	1,102	1,490	17,715	28,855
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7	5			5	17
	ACRES		1,248	541			971	2,760
Southwest	FIRES	14	15	7	10		285	331
	ACRES	2,796	4,844	12,769	7,779		66,246	94,434
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	40	146	18	12	113	371
	ACRES	5,117	11,861	22,280	13,264	3,947	45,672	102,141
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		367	23	1,065	187	1,662
	ACRES	14,454		42,699	4,443	73,597	28,182	163,375
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	75	393	1,112	1,835
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	70,652	212,745	996,678	1,380,429
TOTAL	FIRES	217	214	965	161	1,537	2,629	5,723
	ACRES	40,781	36,017	202,794	101,724	306,942	1,285,058	1,973,316

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				52,266			52,266
Northwest	FIRES				2		8	10
	ACRES				1		606	607
Northern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				15		0	15
Southern California	FIRES				5		2	7
	ACRES				4,309		222	4,531
Northern Rockies	FIRES				9		29	38
	ACRES				0		44	44
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		36	37
	ACRES				0		5,259	5,259
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10		2			12
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				9		24	33
	ACRES				320		9,924	10,244
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		20	3	1	0	4	28
	ACRES		6,996	295	0	2,271	612	10,174
Eastern Area	FIRES				4		1	5
	ACRES				4,090		1	4,091
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3,007			3,007
TOTAL	FIRES	0	30	3	38	0	107	178
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	64,008	2,271	16,668	90,731

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	5	0	1,744	182,583
Yukon Territory	4	35,356	254	1,416,922
Alberta	3	0	1,460	134,472
Northwest Territory	4	2,844	273	246,633
Saskatchewan	0	0	302	199,397
Manitoba	1	0	214	4,710
Ontario	3	1	322	1,474
Quebec	0	53	234	2,384
Newfoundland	1	0	124	8,377
New Brunswick	1	0	232	289
Nova Scotia	0	0	221	227
Prince Edward Island	0	0	18	15
National Parks	0	0	83	179,873
Total	22	38,146	5,481	2,377,355

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	9	9	7	19	5	5			65	99
Northwest	23	16	12	64	20	23			439	225
Northern California	29	41	68	153	8	6			14	214
Southern California	42	37	21	98	26	12	2		71	205
Northern Rockies	6		2		19	3			32	23
Eastern Great Basin	7	4	18	11	9	1			19	3
Western Great Basin	3	1	2	1	3				10	
Southwest			3						4	
Rocky Mountain	2		8		1				1	1
Eastern Area						1			25	6
Southern Area										
Total	121	108	141	346	91	51	2	0	680	776

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